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Community *notes*

Bike to Work Day



Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 19. This is an event celebrated across the United States each May to encourage and celebrate bicycling to work and promote public awareness of bicycling and bicycle safety.

Locally, B2WD promotes a “clean commute” and is part of the region's Clean Commute Initiative, which begins in April.

Late Spring is the start of the ground-level ozone season, when we hear about Code Red and Orange Ozone Action Days. On those days, the air is dangerous to breathe – especially for the young and for the elderly. Emissions from single occupancy vehicles contribute significantly to our region's dangerous ozone levels. Bike commuting can improve the air we breathe.

Whole Foods Market in Columbia will have swag, raffles, coffee, and Holy Crepes Food Truck and more from 7:00 — 9:00 a.m. on B2WD. Race Pace Bicycles, Princeton Sports, MedStar Sports Medicine, and Columbia Association will have tents as well. Follow Howard County Office of Transportation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information.

There will be a post B2WD get together at The Cycle Mill (169 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City) featuring hot dogs and cold refreshments. Stop between 4:00 — 6:00 p.m. to celebrate a day of healthy and environmentally conscious commuting.

Greetings

I love Farmers’ Markets and they are opening this week in Howard County! Supporting local agriculture may lead to a unique Mother’s Day gift. For all who are moms, enjoy the day.

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Of Stars and Hurricanes: Book Reading

Carrie Brown and John Gregory Brown, both former Columbia residents, will read from their new novels at the celebration of literature in this planned city, with a reception to follow. Carrie Brown’s most recent novel is *The Stargazer’s Sister*, historical fiction about the nineteenth-century astronomer Caroline Herschel, sister of the more famous astronomer William Herschel. John Gregory Brown’s newest novel, *A Thousand Miles from Nowhere*, follows the path of a



Hurricane Katrina survivor seeking redemption.

HoCoPoLitSo will also honor two of Columbia’s own forces of nature, Padriac and Ellen Kennedy, for their work creating a literary life in Howard County during this special event. Join HoCoPoLitSo in honoring Columbia’s literary roots on Sunday, June 4 at 4:00

p.m. at Slayton House Theater. Tickets are available for purchase on [the event website](#). For more information, visit [HoCoPoLitSo’s webpage](#) or call (443)-518-4568.

"As Seasons Turn" Exhibit

The Meeting House Gallery presents "As Seasons Turn" - work by Lissa Abrams, Nick Parr, Zina Poliszuk, David Pumplin, and Neal Schlosburg. These works include plein air painting, wood turning, watercolor painting and photography. The exhibit will run until July 29, 2017. There will be a Meet The Artist Reception on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Nick Parr will have a wood turning demonstration.



The Meeting House Gallery is located in The Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia) and is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The gallery is free.

Please Complete This Short Survey

The community is asked to participate in a survey on the perceptions, awareness and usage of prescription opioids in Howard County. This anonymous survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and is for people ages 18 and over. Please fill out the survey by [following this link](#). Thank you in advance for your time and participation.

Library Garden Party

Come and enjoy the tranquility and lovely plants in bloom while mingling under the Primrose Pavilion on Thursday, May 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Enchanted Garden, Miller Branch Library. Food and drinks are provided by The Wine Bin and Maggiano's; what a treat! Be prepared by bringing a good book to chat about and swap with other party goers. For more information and to register, visit [the event's website](#) or call (410) - 313-7750.

Upcoming Races

Maryland Half Marathon and 4th Annual Maryland 5k



Saturday, May 13, 2017 is the 9th annual Maryland Half Marathon and 4th annual Maryland 5K - two unique races raising funds and awareness for [University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center](#).

The Maryland Half Marathon 13.1 mile course runs through scenic Howard County beginning and ending at the Maple Lawn Community. The Maryland 5K also takes place in the Maple Lawn Community. Race day is fun for the whole family with an action packed kids zone and Kids Fun Run. The runs go from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Hills of Milltown 5K Challenge

Are you tough enough to tackle the hills of Ellicott City? Join in the fun at this benefit Run for beautification projects in Ellicott City's Historic District and in support of the Claudia Mayer/Tina Broccolino Cancer Resource Center at Howard County General Hospital. Calling all 5k enthusiasts for Sunday, May 14. For more information and to register, [visit this website](#).

Ho Co Farmers' Markets Open This Week!



Spring is here! Howard County Farmers' Markets are finally open for the season. Local and regional farmers provide the freshest of fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, meats and baked goods for your health and enjoyment. Nothing tastes better than the freshest food at its peak. Stop at one of the five locations and enjoy the bounty of the season!

For more information, visit the [HCEDA Farmers' Markets website](#). Travelling around Maryland? You can find out of county Farmers' Markets simply by visiting [MD Department of Agriculture's webpage](#) for more locations.

Volunteers Wanted for LakeFest

The Columbia Festival of the Arts is looking for fun-loving volunteers to staff LakeFest, a weekend of free visual arts and performances for the whole family from June 16 - 18. Visit [the website](#) for information on volunteer and sign up today!

Bugs That Bite: Information Sessions

This summer is expected to be especially bad for ticks and other insects, now is the time to learn how to combat ticks and mosquitos. Here are two information session in the area that are free and open to the public.

Friday, May 12 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Historic Oakland

5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia
These events are free, but seating is limited so please to register [online](#).

May 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Slayton House

10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia
To register, call (410)-630-3987.



Learn about ticks in the area, tick prevention techniques, and how to spot the symptoms of Lyme disease. In addition, learn about mosquitoes and how to prevent them from breeding in your neighborhood. And while you're at it, make sure to learn about how to protect and check on your canine friends after outdoor walks; they need protection, too!

Happy Birthday, Wilde Lake Village!



Join the Wilde Lake Community Association and the Wilde Lake Village Center Merchants in the celebration of the village's 50th birthday! Enjoy an evening of cupcake decorating, birthday cake, balloon twister, spin art, photo booths, and a magic show on Wednesday, June 21 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars to celebrate Wilde Lake's milestone.

Astro Adventure Day

Join the Maryland Science Center on May 20 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. in celebrating adventures in space. Put on your helmets and grab your astronaut ice cream because on this day participants will be able to experience all the wonders space has to offer. The Interplanetary Space Agency informs guests on the logistics for travelling to different moons and planets. Do you have what it takes to make it to the moon and back? Find out at the Astronaut Training Camp.



All activities are free with paid admission and completely free to members. For more information, visit [the Maryland Science Center's website](#).

Buy Art, Help Grassroots

Willowbrook Studio's 12th annual art show donates 10 percent of its proceeds to Grassroots Crisis Center. Buy art for a good cause on May 19 and 20 at the Oliver's Carriage House at Kittamaqundi Community Church (5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia). For more information, visit the studio's [website](#).

Merriweather Movie Nights

Have you bought your Merriweather Movie Night tickets yet? Downtown Columbia Arts & Culture presents a summer of Merriweather Movie Nights featuring food and drinks from Manor Hill Brewing and Tavern. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with enough time to purchase dinner and head for the lawn before the projector starts rolling at 7:30 p.m. The following movies will be featured in the coming months:

May 27: Grease

June 28: The Last Waltz

July 26: Moana

August 30: School of Rock

General Admission is free, reserve seating is \$10. For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit [DCACC's website](#).

Mother's Day at Sharp's Farm

Come down to Sharp's at Waterford Farm (4003 Jennings Chapel Road, Brookeville) for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Either bring your own container or purchase one at the farm and make an herb or flower container with up to 10 plugs. Planters will be topped with cocoa bark mulch and a 'Happy Mother's Day' tag. Staff will help you create a memorable planter for mom. At 4:00 p.m. guests will head down to feed the animals and at 4:30 p.m. guests can go on a hayride through the farm and across the Cattail Creek.

Feel free to bring a picnic dinner and feast by the pond at the picnic site. Tickets cost \$8.00 per participant, moms attending with children are free. Registration is required on or before May 13th. Call (410) 489-2572 or [complete online registration](#).

Upcoming Events

Teen Anxiety Workshop for Parents

Thursday, May 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bain Center

5470 Ruth Keeton Way

This workshop discusses how to recognize anxiety, help parents gain a better understanding of how to support your child, and ensure that parents don't perpetuate anxious feelings. Admission is \$8 per person. Space is limited; register [online](#) today.

New Exhibits at the HC Center for the Arts

May 11 through June 23

8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City

Reconstructions, an exhibit featuring work by multimedia artists Zac Benson and Jason Hughes, and the Resident Visual Artists Exhibit 2017 which showcases recent work created by artists with studios at the Center for the Arts. More details are available [online](#).

Manuel Barrueco & The Beijing Guitar Duo

Saturday, May 13, 8:00 p.m.

Smith Theater, HCC

Manuel Barrueco's unique artistry has been continually described as that of a superb instrumentalist and a superior and elegant musician. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the [Candlelight Concert Series webpage](#).

Symphonic POPS Concert

Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Jim Rouse Theater

This family-friendly concert brings together blockbuster hits from Broadway, the silver screen, pop songs, and classical favorites. [Purchase your tickets](#) for this can't-miss performance today!

Wine in the Woods

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday May 21

Symphony Woods

Enjoy the 25th year of tastings from 30 wineries, live music and entertainment, while shopping for artisan crafts and hand made art. For tickets, info and more, visit the [WITW website](#).



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